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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 6 August 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (Part of Mtg), Colonel White,  
Messrs. [ ] Sheldon (Part of Mtg), [ ] Kirkpatrick,  
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General Cabell:

a) Noted he had received a report from one of the CIA reserve officers who had taken his two weeks active duty training [ ] during which he attended a special course devised by the Office of Training for the purpose of providing training in DD/P activities to those employees who normally are not able to take advantage of such courses of instruction. General Cabell commented that this reserve officer could not praise too highly the benefit he had derived from this training. The Director asked that the report be forwarded to the A/DD/P.

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Noted his concern over the lack of U.S. Military Attaches in countries where coups are likely to take place. He said he particularly had in mind Tunis, Algeria and Khartoum, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. In response to a

query from the Director he stated he believed disapproval for the establishment of Military Attache offices in these locations is contained in a letter from the Department of State to Secretary of the Army Brucker. [ ] went on to say that he was having a canvass made of the NEA area to determine whether there might be other locations where there is no Military Attache and suggested it might be worthwhile to expand this to a world-wide basis. The Director agreed and noted his intention of discussing this matter with General Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army.

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Colonel White:

Reported that we were being pressed for a decision by the House Committee on Appropriations that it be kept informed on a weekly basis, or more often if necessary, on the intelligence situation world-wide and asked the Director if he had come to any decision. The Director commented he had been considering this matter and had thought of the possibility of providing a qualified officer to brief the committee on a weekly basis. Colonel White suggested the possibility of having Mr. Sprankle, Clerk of the Committee, come to the Agency once a week and read the Current Intelligence Summary. He said this way it would take some of the heat off the Agency and put the responsibility on the committee to keep itself informed. General Cabell suggested the possibility of CIA maintaining a War Room on the Hill, which would include information up to and including Secret. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that in his opinion this would put the Agency, and in particular the briefer, in an untenable position, since he would be subject to probing questions during flaps and coups. The Director pointed out that this was a problem that we would have to face with a number of Congressional Committees and he felt before any decision is made by the Agency he would have to discuss this matter at the White House.

Mr. Dulles:

a) Stated that he felt it was a mistake and a burden for this Agency to continue the practice of renewing consultant contracts for those people whom we contact infrequently during the period of their contracts. He said he saw no reason why in the majority of these cases we could not let such contracts lapse; however, keep up security clearances in order that we can use these people if the need arises. ACTION: DD/S

b) Noted a cable from [ ] containing a recommendation [ ] that the Director see [ ] by the name of [ ] who is coming to Washington in the near future. The Director said while possibly he would not have time to see this individual, he did not like to disregard [ ] recommendation. He therefore asked [ ] to have [ ] see this man and so inform [ ] in due course.

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c) Referred to subjects for discussion at future Senior Staff Meetings and asked DD/S to arrange for the following presentations: (1) Honor Awards Program (2) Language Program and (3) Credit Union.

  
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